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SUBJ: DETERIORATION OF JAPANESE-KOREAN RELATIONS

1. FONOFF DEPUTY DIRGEN ASIAN AFFAIRS NAKAE INFORMED US AT 3:15 PM TODAY THAT GOJ IS NOT RPT NOT CONTEMPLATING FURTHER CHANGES IN LETTER OR OTHER ACTION IN CONNECTION WITH CURRENT IMPASSE WITH ROKG. HE SAID DIFFERENCES CONFIRMED IN MEETING BETWEEN AMB USHIROKU AND FONMIN KIM IN SEOUL AT 7:30 AM TODAY REMAIN UNRESOLVED. FONMIN KIMURA IS PRESENTLY IN MEETING OF SENIOR OFFICERS OF LDP (SOMUKAI) CALLED FOR EXPRESS PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING PRESENT KOREAN RELATIONS CRISIS. NAKAE EXPECTED THIS MEETING TO CONTINUE "FOR SOME TIME"; HE ALSO WAS FAIRLY CONFIDENT THAT LEADERSHIP WAS NOT DISCUSSING FURTHER JAPANESE MOVES. IN GOJ VIEW, FINAL POSITION HAS BEEN MADE KNOWN TO ROKG AND KOREAN REACTION, WHATEVER IT MAY BE AND WHENEVER IT EMERGES, IS NOT SOMETHING GOJ CAN AFFECT. NAKAE SAID GOJ SENSES NO IMMINENCE IN TIMING OF ROKG REACTION. PRIMIN TANAKA, ACCORDING TO ANOTHER FONOFF OFFICIAL (SEO), LEFT THIS MORNING FULLY AWARE OF NATURE

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OF IMPASSE AND POTENTIAL REPERCUSSIONS.

2. POLCOUNS SAID HE HAD NO DETAILS OF SITUATION IN SEOUL
BUT SAID INFORMAL INFORMATION INDICATED TIME RUNNING OUT.
HE URGED NAKAE TO SEEK CURRENT INFORMATION FROM SEOUL
AND KEEP LINES OF COMMUNICATION WITH ROKG OPEN.

3. AMBASSADOR HODGSON SAW PRIMIN TANAKA OFF AT AIRPORT
THIS MORNING. ALTHOUGH AMBASSADOR HAD CONTACT OF CASUAL
KIND WITH PRIMIN, FONMIN KIMURA AND VICE MINISTER TOGO,
NONE OF THEM RAISED KOREAN ISSUE OR SOUGHT OPPORTUNITY
TO DISCUSS IT PRIVATELY WITH AMBASSADOR.
HODGSON

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